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CO₂ generated from dry ice is NOT AN ACCEPTABLE METHOD of euthanasia OR anesthesia.

According to the [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#) and [PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), methods of euthanasia must follow the most current

“AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia” which state that:

- 2). Compressed CO₂ gas in cylinders is the only recommended source of carbon dioxide because the inflow to the chamber can be regulated precisely. Carbon dioxide generated by other methods such as from dry ice, fire extinguishers, or chemical means (eg, antacids) is unacceptable.

http://www.avma.org/issues/animal_welfare/euthanasia.pdf